

Fiddlers Ford Access

Ten Year Area Management Plan FY 2015-2024



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OVERVIEW

- **Official Area Name:** Fiddlers Ford Access, #8706
- **Year of Initial Acquisition:** 1986
- **Acreage:** 50 acres
- **County:** Dade
- **Division with Administrative Responsibility:** Forestry
- **Division with Maintenance Responsibility:** Forestry
- **Statements of Purpose:**

A. Strategic Direction

Fiddlers Ford Access was developed and is managed as a river access for fishing, hunting and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

B. Desired Future Condition

The desired future condition of Fiddlers Ford Access is to provide access to Turnback Creek for resource users, provide healthy riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation, and provide quality aquatic habitat. The parking lot and roadway should be designed and maintained to adequately handle ingress, egress and parking for public use.

C. Federal Aid Statement

N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

I. Special Considerations

- A. **Priority Areas:** None
- B. **Natural Areas:** None
- C. **Other:** Quail Focus Area

II. Important Natural Features and Resources

- A. **Species of Conservation Concern:** None observed.
- B. **Caves:** None
- C. **Springs:** None
- D. **Other:** The Natural Heritage Database identifies Turnback Creek as a high quality habitat. Area Managers should consult the Natural Heritage Database annually and review all management activities with the Natural History Biologist.

III. Existing Infrastructure

- 1 parking lot

IV. Area Restrictions or Limitations

- A. Deed Restrictions or Ownership Considerations:** None
- B. Federal Interest:** Federal funds may be used in the management of this land. Fish and wildlife agencies may not allow recreational activities and related facilities that would interfere with the purpose for which the State is managing the land. Other uses may be acceptable and must be assessed in each specific situation.
- C. Easements:** Perpetual Electric Transmission Line Easement to the Empire District Electric Company, Perpetual Easement with BNSF Railway Company
- D. Cultural Resources Findings:** No known cultural resources.
- E. Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** None observed.
- F. Endangered Species:** None observed.

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

V. Terrestrial Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) This access provides the opportunity to experience quality hunting around Turnback Creek.
- 2) Managing invasive species.

Management Objective 1: Maintain the area to agency standards.

Strategy 1: Forestry Division will provide maintenance level 1 from May 1 to Sept. 15 and maintenance level 2 the rest of the year.

Management Objective 2: Manage invasive species.

Strategy 1: Monitor and manage invasive species on the area.

VI. Aquatic Resource Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) This access provides the opportunity to experience quality fishing in Turnback Creek.
- 2) Excessive user pressure can deteriorate riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation.
- 3) Managing the spread of exotic or invasive species.

Management Objective 1: Maintain or improve the water quality of runoff from the area.

Strategy 1: Encourage and maintain healthy riparian corridors and stream bank vegetation in the non-infrastructure area.

Strategy 2: Fisheries and Forestry staff will address accelerated future stream bank erosion along these frontages.

Strategy 3: Follow the Missouri Department of Conservation's (the Department's) state forest management guidelines (2005) and the Department's watershed and stream management guidelines (2009).

Strategy 4: Roadway will be managed according to appropriate Best Management Practices to minimize runoff and sedimentation into stream resources.

Management Objective 2: Manage the spread of exotic and or invasive aquatic life.

Strategy 1: Fisheries and Outreach and Education will educate the users through signage about the hazards and prevention of spreading aquatic invasive species.

VII. Public Use Management Considerations

Challenges and Opportunities:

- 1) Maintaining area infrastructure
- 2) Ensuring proper use of the area.

Management Objective 1: Maintain suitable public access at the area.

Strategy 1: Maintain infrastructure at the access.

Strategy 2: Clean flood debris from the parking lot within one month of the water receding.

Management Objective 2: Ensure proper use by all users.

Strategy 1: Protection Division will periodically patrol the access to ensure compliance with area regulations.

MANAGEMENT TIMETABLE

All strategies for this management plan are considered ongoing.

APPENDICES

Area Background:

Fiddlers Ford Access is situated on Turnback Creek, 2 miles east of Greenfield on Highway 160, 3 miles south on Route O, 1 mile west on County Road 621, 1 mile south on County Road 540, and across an old iron bridge to the area.

Current Land and Water Types:

Land/Water Type	Acres	Miles	% of Area
Bottomland/Riparian Forest	45		90
Old Fields/Upland Fields	5		10
Total	50		100
Stream Frontage		1.0	

Public Input Summary:

The draft Fiddlers Ford Access Area Plan was available for a public comment period Nov. 1-30, 2014. The Missouri Department of Conservation received no comments during this time period.

References:

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Maps:

Figure 1: Vicinity Map

Figure 2: Area Map

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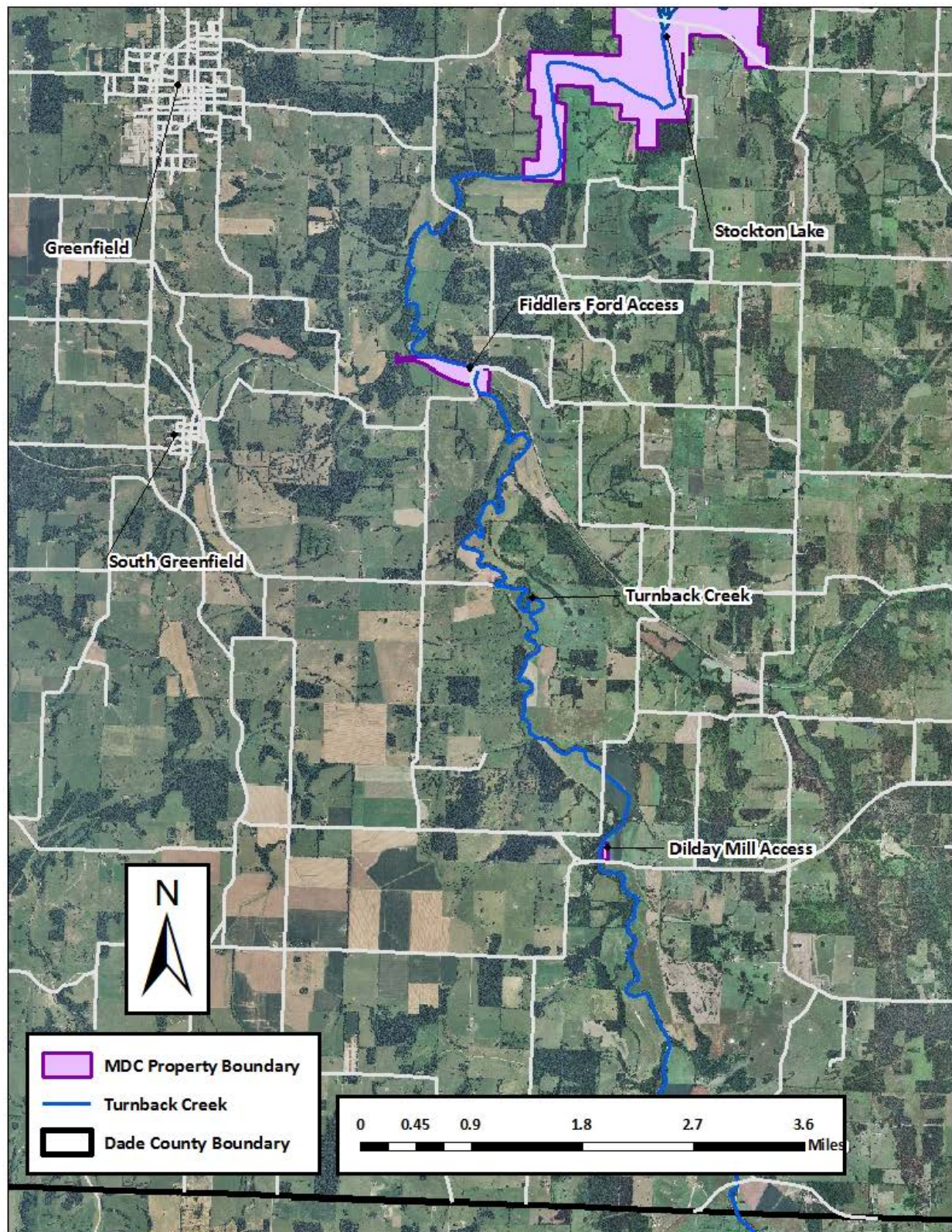


Figure 2: Area Map

